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Counelly Springs Dec 6. 1891  
Dear Margaret -

The letter enclosed with this was written from time to time during the week as we could find time or strength to write. Today your kind letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> came to us. so full of tender sympathy, reminding us of our dear one who was always so tender and true. Thank dear Brother and Sisters for your kind words. and your cheering reference to the exceedingly great and precious promises of the word. How dark indeed the prospect would be without the blessed hopes of the gospel.



Lord and loudly would  
 our pathway be, if it  
 were not lighted up with  
 the benison of His pres-  
 ence who has promised to  
 "be with us always unto  
 the end." "I will guide  
 thee with mine eye," The  
 Lord God is a Sun and shield  
 He will give grace and glory,  
 and no good thing will He  
 withhold from them that  
 walk uprightly. Praise  
 to his holy name, even  
 our righteousness is of Him,  
 otherwise where would we  
 poor fallen creatures be?  
 He hath made him to be  
 sin for us who knew  
 no sin, and is become  
 unto us, wisdom and  
 sanctification and redemp-  
 tion



Dear Brothers and sisters all my hope now is to be as useful as I can till the Lord calls me, or comes for his own. I earnestly hope it will not be long till the opening Heavens reveals the presence of our <sup>now</sup> absent Lord. present with us now in spirit. but then of the rapture, for our eyes to behold the King in his beauty. to be like him because we see him as he is.

You know how ready our dear one always was with the word of exhortation to one and all. In this respect he truly "steels in the harness. When on his bed and only able



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to speak a limited time, and that followed by grief and exhaustion he still was instant in season and out of season. The following words written by him on a scrap of paper and found in hunting for a letter last night describes the attitude of his mind.

"What a blessed service it would be to give my thoughts to the Lord. To give my thoughts to the Lord from my stand point would mean, to have my mind supremely occupied with Gospel themes my heart absorbed in these, and my whole being wrapped up and continually engrossed with the Glad Tidings. Preached of old by the apostles of Christ. How and where to preach the word of the Lord most effectively and how <sup>to</sup> do the utmost in my power to promote the spiritual life of God's children. Such supreme devotion would become a believer, and



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such service, a faithful servant, and loving follower of our only and blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ."

Many and many a sermon has he preached by the wayside - Passing neighbors learned to love to stop when they were not in a hurry to "Hear the old man talk."

Bro Lovel of the Methodist church, conducted the simple services at the burial. He read some scripture.

Math 28. 1 - 10. 1 Cor 13. 12 to the end. 2 Thess 4. 14 to end Rev 21 1 - 5 And offered a beautiful and seasonable prayer. David and Mr Guock were great friends having many religious



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conversations. both being earnest believers and faithful watchers for our Lord's return soon, in power and great glory. The last public discourse I believe was in the Baptist church about six miles from home on the Coming and Kingdom of our Saviour. and it made a deep and solemn impression I believe.

Now I must close for I have other letters to write. Tell Cousin Willis, Alice and Ellen. Alice will write as soon as he can. He is overrun with work at present as they are urging him to be back in the school room in the beginning of January. Love to all from yours ever Affly Sister D. Stewart.